
Virtual Network Services Virtual Directory Number Expansion

Virtual Network Services (VNS) provides ISDN features to customers when no ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) or ISDN Signaling Link (ISL) Bearer Channels are available between two Meridian 1 switches (Please refer to the VNS feature description module in this NTP for detailed information on VNS).

A requirement of VNS is that customers have to configure VNS DNs (VDNs) as part of their numbering plan. The VNS VDN expansion feature sets a new limit on the number of VDNs at 4000. VDNs are configured on Overlay 79.

The VDNs are defined in sets of blocks. Each block may contain any number of contiguous VDNs, as long as the total number does not exceed 4000. Within a block, it is possible to define a range of VDNs as well as individual VDNs. For example, a customer may define the following VDNs (in this example, the customer is defining a total of 164 VDNs.)

7200-7299
7320-7325
7355
7400-7455
7676

A customer may remove a block of contiguous VDNs, as long as there is no VNS call using a VDN in the block. To remove a block of contiguous VDNs, the block has to be first disabled in Overlay 79 (by entering DIS against the REQ prompt), to prevent new VNS calls from using any of the VDNs in the block. Once the block has been disabled, the system administrator has to wait until all the VNS calls, using any of the VDNs in the block, are cleared.

After disabling the block, the system administrator can determine the number of VDNs used by VNS calls by printing VNS information (by using the PRT command in response to REQ in Overlay 79). Once all of the VDNs are free, the block may be removed by using the OUT command.

Operating parameters

None applicable.

Feature interactions

None applicable.

Feature packaging

The VNS VDN expansion feature requires the Virtual Network Services (VNS) package 183.

The following software packages are also required:

- Network Alternate Route Selection (NARS) package 58, dependent on:
 - Basic Routing (BRTE) package 14, and
 - Network Class of Service (NCOS) package 32;
- Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) package 145;
- Integrated Services Digital Network Supplementary (ISDNS) package 161;
- ISDN Signaling Link (ISL) package 147;
- Advanced Network Services (NTWK) package 148; and
- 1.5 Mbps PRI (PRA) package 146 is required if VNS uses the D-Channel of a PRI trunk for its signaling (USR = SHAV).

Feature implementation

The following steps describe how to:

- Add or create a new single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs;
- Remove a single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs;
- Disable or enable a block of VDNs, or print VNS information for a customer.

LD 79 - Add or create a new single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs.

Prompt	Response	Description
REQ	NEW	Add, or create a new single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs. Note: The CHG command is not supported; you must use the NEW command to enter information.
TYPE	VNS	Virtual Network Services.
CUST	0-99 0-31	Customer Number for Options 51C, 61C, 81, 81C. Customer Number for Option 11C. At least one D-Channel must be configured with USR = VNS or USR=SHAV and having VNS = customer number.
VNDN	xx...x 1-4000 xx...x <cr>	Individual VDN to be added. 1-4000 = number of contiguous VDN to be added xx...x = first VDN to be added. You may add another single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs by entering <cr> after the VNDN entry (VNDN is prompted until <cr> is entered.) In this case, the REQ prompt will appear again. Note: For the above entries, the VDNs must be part of the customer's numbering plan.

LD 79 - Remove a single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs, or remove all existing VDN data blocks.

Prompt	Response	Description
REQ	OUT	Remove a single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs, or remove all existing VDN data blocks. Note: You cannot remove only certain VDNs from a block; you must remove the entire block.
TYPE	VNS	Virtual Network Services.
CUST	0-99 0-31	Customer Number for Options 51C, 61C, 81, 81C. Customer Number for Option 11C. At least one D-Channel must be configured with USR = VNS or USR = SHAV and having VNS = customer number.
VNDN	XALLVDNS xx...x <cr>	Remove all VNS data blocks. Remove an individual VDN, or the first VDN of a block of contiguous VDNs. You may remove another single VDN, or a block of contiguous VDNs, by entering <cr> after the VNDN entry (VNDN is prompted until <cr> is entered.) In this case, the REQ prompt will appear again. If XALLVDNS is entered, the message REMOVE ALL VDN BLOCKS? is then output, followed by the CONF prompt.
CONF	YES	To confirm the removal of all VDN blocks.

LD 79 – Disable or enable single VDN, or a block of contiguous VDNs.

Prompt	Response	Description
REQ	DIS ENL	DIS = disable a single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs ENL = enable a single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs
TYPE	VNS	Virtual Network Services.
CUST	0-99 0-31	Customer Number for Options 51C, 61C, 81, 81C. Customer Number for Option 11C. At least one D-Channel must be configured with USR = VNS or USR = SHAV and having VNS = customer number.
VNDN	xx....x <cr>	Individual VDN, or first VDN of a block of contiguous VDNs to be disabled or enabled. You may enable or disable another single VDN or a block of contiguous VDNs, by entering <cr> after the VNDN entry (VNDN is prompted until <cr> is entered.) In this case, the REQ prompt will appear again.

LD 79– Print VNS information for a customer.

The information is output after the customer number is entered in response to the CUST prompt.

Prompt	Response	Description
REQ	PRT	PRT = print VDN information.
TYPE	VNS	Virtual Network Services.
CUST	0-99 0-31	Customer Number for Options 51C, 61C, 81, 81C. Customer Number for Option 11C. At least one D-Channel must be configured with USR = VNS or USR = SHAV and having VNS = customer number. The VNS information is output for the customer. For a range of VDNs, the first VDN is displayed, followed by “—” and the last VDN of the block. On the same line, the number of VDNs in the block is displayed in brackets. For a single VDN, the VDN is displayed followed by “(1)”. If a block is disabled, the above indication is followed by the number of VNS calls still using a VDN in the block. These calls have to be cleared before the VDN block can be removed. At the end, the total number of VDNs configured for the customer is output. A sample output could be: <pre>7676 (1) 8100-8199 (100) TOTAL NUMBER OF VDN FOR CUST 2: 101</pre> If the VDN block 8100-8199, containing 100 VDNs, is disabled, the output would be: <pre>7676 (1) 8100-8199 (100) *DISABLED - VDN USED: 2* TOTAL NUMBER OF VDN FOR CUST 2: 101</pre> In this case, the VDN block is disabled and two VNS calls are still using two VDNs. These two calls must first be cleared before the VDN block 8100-8199 can be removed.

LD 17 – Define the maximum number of VNS channels supported by a D-Channel.

Prompt	Response	Description
REQ	CHG, END	Change, or exit LD 17.
TYPE	ADAN	Action Device and Number.
- ADAN	CHG DCH 0-63 CHG DCH 0-15	The D-Channel number for Options 51C, 61C, 81, 81C. D-Channel number for Option 11C.
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- USR	VNS, SHAV	VNS = dedicated VNS D-Channel SHAV = shared VNS D-Channel
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- - VNSM	1-300	Maximum number of VNS channels supported by the D-Channel. Note: This is the potential VNS capability for the D-Channel and is not associated with other restrictions placed on VNS capability, such as the number of VDNs.

LD 86 – Define the maximum number of VNS trunks allowed on the route list entry.

Prompt	Response	Description
REQ	NEW, CHG	New, or change.
CUST	0-99 0-31	Customer Number for Options 51C, 61C, 81, 81C. Customer Number for Option 11C.
FEAT	RLB	Route list data block feature.
RLI	0-MXRL	The Route List Index to be associated with the VNS Bearer Channel.
ENTR	0-63	The entry within the Route List Index to be associated with the VNS Bearer Channel.
ROUT	0-511	The number of the Route to be associated with the VNS Bearer Channel.
VNS	YES	Virtual Network Services.
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VTRK	1-(20)-254	Number of VNS Trunks allowed on the route.

Feature Operation

No specific operating procedures are required to use this feature.